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Re. point V.

- 1 Reference is made to the following documents in this decision:

D1 : DE 101 35 936 A (SIEMENS AG) 13 February 2003 (2003-02-13)

- 2 Document D1 is regarded as the latest prior art. It discloses a method for localizing the position of at least two emission units, especially for monitoring at least one parameter for a plurality of wheels pertaining to a motor vehicle from which the object of the independent claim 1 is distinguished by the fact that, if the difference in amount or the ratio of the average values of the reception signals is less than a reliability threshold value, at least one additional decision criterion is used for allocating the reception signals or the relevant emission units to the transmitter groups or their local regions and/or an additional criterion for testing the reliability of the correct allocation, preferably by using additional characteristic variables of the reception signals.

- 2.1 Therefore, the object of claim 1 is new (article 33 (2) PCT).

- 2.2 The object to be achieved with this invention can therefore be seen in the implementation of a reliable emitter localization at low hardware costs (memory size, processor capacity).

The solution suggested to achieve this object in claim 1 of this patent application is not suggested by any of the documents mentioned in the present prior art and is therefore based on an inventive activity (article 33(3) PCT).

2.3 Claims 2-7 depend on claim 1 and thus likewise meet the requirements of the PCT with reference to novelty and inventive activity.

2.4 Claims 8-10 show a device for implementing the method according to claim 1 and thus likewise meet the requirements of the PCT with reference to novelty and inventive activity.